

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
25 June 2013
Minutes

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Date: 25 June 2013
Location: PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Present: Ruth Levy – Commissioner, Chair
Sean Massey – Commissioner, Vice-chair
Peter Klosky – Commissioner
John Darrow – Commissioner
Jeff Smith – Commissioner
Larry Borelli – Commissioner
Mike Haas – Commissioner
H. Peter L’Orange – Historic Preservation Planner
Thomas Costello – Supervisor of Building Construction and Code Enforcement
Joel Boyd – Economic Development

Ms. Levy called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 PM.

The minutes from the 29 May 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Darrow made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 5-0-0.

Items Heard:

72 Court Street – Public Art Project: The Applicant was not present. Mr. Darrow made a motion to table the case to the next month’s meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 5-0-0; the case was TABLED.

7 Court Street – Façade and Addition: [Mr. Smith and Mr. Haas arrived during this case.] The Applicant’s representatives presented this case. This case was a continuation of a previously held review. The Applicant’s representatives presented the final exterior plans and materials for the project at this location, including a rooftop addition. They reported that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) have approved the project for Historic Tax Credits. The representatives presented modified plans for the rooftop addition, which were determined to be more appropriate than the original design. There was discussion of the project specifics. Mr. Darrow made a motion to approve the plans as presented at the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was some discussion of potential mockups of the project and the housing market. There were no amendments to the motion. The motion was carried 6-0-1, with Mr. Smith abstaining; the project was APPROVED.

The Applicant for 72 Court Street had arrived during the previous case. Mr. Darrow made a motion to recall the 72 Court Street case; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was no discussion. The motion was carried 7-0-0; the case was recalled.

72 Court Street – Public Art Project: The Applicant presented this case. There was discussion of the proposed public art project. The Commission suggested some thematic modifications to the proposal; the Applicant was open to these and said that they would look at incorporating these into the design and would come back. Mr. Darrow made a motion to table the case; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 7-0-0; the case was TABLED.

60 Glenwood Avenue – Determination of Significance (Demolition): City Staff presented this case. The Applicant proposed to demolish the existing structure, with the anticipation of using the lot for parking. There was some general discussion of parking needs in the neighborhood and the City’s stormwater ordinance. Mr. Darrow made a motion to issue a Determination of No Historical Significance; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was some additional discussion of parking plans and requirements. The motion was carried 7-0-0; the Commission issued a Determination of NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. [Mr. Borelli departed after this case.]

23 Henry Street – Outdoor Café Permit (Renewal): Staff presented this case. The Applicant proposed to open an outdoor café at this location, which was approved last year. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the café; it was seconded by Mr. Darrow. There was no discussion. The motion was carried 5-0-1, with Mr. Massey abstaining. The café was APPROVED.

183-185 Water Street – Public Art Project: The Applicants presented this case. They propose to create a series of historically relevant murals on the walls of the Water Street parking garage. There was discussion of the proposed concepts and timelines. Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the concept but have the Applicants come back with finalized designs; it was seconded by Mr. Darrow. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 6-0-0; the concept was approved.

Other Business

- Staff provided the Commission some updates on recently approved Administrative Certificate of Appropriateness applications.

There was no further business.

Mr. Darrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. The motion carried 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 July 2013.